

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A packaging tape, comprising:

a flexible transparent member having a length greater than its width and being adapted to be wound on a core so as to define a plurality of windings including an innermost winding around the core, an outermost winding and at least one intermediate winding therebetween; and

a flexible non-transparent divider positioned in between the innermost and outermost windings.

2. The packaging tape of claim 1 wherein the flexible transparent member includes a top surface and a bottom surface which define a tape body therebetween, at least a portion of the bottom surface of the flexible member having an adhesive applied thereto.

3. The packaging tape of claim 2 wherein the divider is approximately the length of one winding.

4. The packaging tape of claim 2 wherein the divider is positioned approximately mid-way in between the innermost and outermost windings.

5. The packaging tape of claim 2 wherein the at least one intermediate winding comprises a plurality of intermediate windings and the divider is positioned in between a pair of the plurality of intermediate windings such that the flexible transparent member remains at least substantially clear from the outermost winding to the divider and from the divider to the innermost

winding.

6. The packaging tape of claim 5 wherein the flexible transparent member has a length of at least 800 inches.

7. The packaging tape of claim 5 wherein the flexible transparent member has a length of approximately 2,000 inches.

8. The packaging tape of claim 2 wherein the at least one intermediate winding comprises a plurality of intermediate windings and the divider is positioned in between a pair of the plurality of intermediate windings such that the flexible transparent member remains clear from the outermost winding to the divider and from the divider to the innermost winding.

9. A divider comprising a flexible non-transparent member insertable in between an innermost and outermost winding of a flexible transparent member wound on a core so as to define a plurality of windings including the innermost and outermost winding, and a plurality of intermediate windings therebetween.

10. The divider of claim 9 wherein the divider is positioned in between a pair of the plurality of intermediate windings such that the flexible transparent member will remain clear from the outermost winding to the divider and from the divider to the innermost winding.

11. A method of manufacturing packaged tape comprising:

unwinding a first section from a flexible transparent material of a first width and first length from a master roll where the flexible transparent material

includes a top surface and a bottom surface, and at least a portion of the bottom surface of the flexible transparent material having an adhesive applied thereto;

winding the flexible transparent material from the master roll onto an elongated core to define an intermediate roll having a plurality of windings including an innermost winding adjacent the elongated core and a plurality of additional windings; and

inserting a non-transparent divider at a desired position along the first section after unwinding of the first section from the master roll and prior to the winding of the flexible transparent material onto the elongated core defining the intermediate roll.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of:

severing the first section from the flexible transparent material after a sufficient length thereof has been removed thereby defining a second length shorter than the first length, and defining the plurality of additional windings to include a plurality of intermediate windings and an outermost winding.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the inserting step further comprises inserting the non-transparent divider in between a pair of the plurality of intermediate windings such that the flexible transparent member remains at least substantially clear from the outermost winding to the non-transparent divider and from the non-transparent divider to the core at the innermost winding.

14. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:

slicing the severed intermediate roll into a plurality of tape rolls.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the inserting step further comprises inserting the non-transparent divider in between a pair of the plurality of intermediate windings such that the flexible transparent member remains at least substantially clear from the outermost winding to the non-transparent divider and from the non-transparent divider to the core at the innermost winding.

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